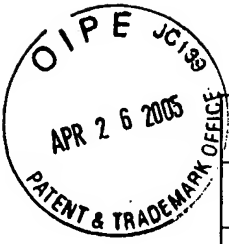
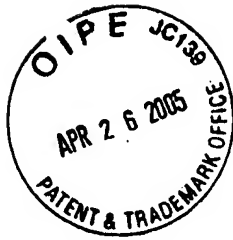


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 0505-1244P	
Application No. 10/658,263-Conf. #4004		Filing Date September 10, 2003		Examiner M. J. McMahon	
				Art Unit 3747	
Applicant(s): Koichi TSUTSUMI et al.					
Invention: FOUR-CYCLE ENGINE					
<p>MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
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April 26, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated February 10, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes:

Amendments to the Claims; and
Remarks.